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SUBJECT: ARAB BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL: JORDANIAN CERTIFICATION OF ORIGIN

1. IN RECENT CONVERSATION WITH OFFICIAL OF JORDAN'S CHAMBER OF INDUSTRY, EMBASSY RECEIVED CONFIRMATION OF EARLIER REPORTS THAT GOVERNMENTS OF SYRIA AND IRAQ REQUIRE CERTIFICATION OF ORIGIN OF MANUFACTURED JORDANIAN GOODS EXPORTED TO THOSE COUNTRIES. IN CASE OF SYRIA, CERTIFICATION REQUIRES POSITIVE STATEMENT THAT GOODS "ARE ENTIRELY OF EAST BANK ORIGIN." IRAQIS REQUIRE NEGATIVE CERTIFICATION, THAT "GOODS CONTAIN NO MATERIAL OF ISRAELI ORIGIN."

2. IN PRACTICE, ACCORDING TO CHAMBER OFFICIAL, THESE REQUIREMENTS CAUSE LITTLE DIFFICULTY SINCE ONLY MANUFACTURED ITEMS ORIGINATING ON WEST BANK THAT ARE NOW EXPORTED TO SYRIA AND IRAQ IN ANY QUANTITY ARE HANDICRAFTS (MOSTLY MOTHER-OF-PEARL) FROM BETHLEHEM AREA AND "NABLUS"

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SOAP. CHAMBER HAS SUCCEEDED IN ARGUING THAT ISRAELIS ARE NOT INVOLVED IN MANUFACTURE OF THESE HANDICRAFT ITEMS AND SIMPLY CERTIFIES ALL "NABLUS" SOAP AS HAVING BEEN PRODUCED ON EAST BANK WITHOUT CONCERNING ITSELF WITH ACTUAL ORIGIN.

3. MORE SERIOUS PROBLEM OF CERTIFICATION IS WEST BANK

AND GAZA PRODUCE, PRIMARILY CITRUS. IT IS WIDELY BELIEVED
HERE THAT ISRAELI PRODUCE IS OFTEN MIXED WITH ARAB PRODUCE,
AND CHAMBER OFFICIAL ADMITS THAT STRICT ADMINISTRATION OF
BOYCOTT RULES OR ORIGIN WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE. THOUGH ISSUE
KEEPS COMING UP IN ARAB LEAGUE, HE SAID, WITH OBVIOUS
RELIEF, IT "IS FROZEN " AT THE MOMENT.

4. COMMENT -- REQUIREMENT FOR JORDANIAN CERTIFICATE OF
ORIGIN ON PART OF MORE MILITANT ADHERENTS OF BOYCOTT
NICELY POINTS OUT DELICATE SITUATION OF JORDAN
VIS-A-VIS BOYCOTT. IN THIS AS IN OTHER BOYCOTT ISSUES,
JORDAN IS ORTHODOX BUT NOT ENTHUSIASTIC.
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